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**DEPLOYMENT OF NEW CHINESE SUBMARINE TENDER**  
**XIANGSHAN NAVAL FACILITY, CHINA (SWN)**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SUBMARINE TENDER (AS) (NPIC INTERIM DESIGNATOR DAO-B) HAS BEEN DEPLOYED TO XIANGSHAN NAVAL FACILITY IN THE EAST SEA FLEET. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** THE TENDER WAS CONSTRUCTED AT HULUDAO NAVAL BASE SHIPYARD AND PORT FACILITY \_\_\_\_\_ AND WAS LAUNCHED IN \_\_\_\_\_ EARLY MAY 1984. \_\_\_\_\_

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IT IS EQUIPPED WITH FOUR PROBABLE 57MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT (AA) GUNS (TWO ON THE 0-1 LEVEL FORWARD OF THE BRIDGE AND TWO AMIDSHIPS), A LIGHT CRANE AFT OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE, AND A COVERED STERN WITH A CENTER SLOT. A MOVEABLE RECTANGULAR COVER IS POSITIONED OVER APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE SLOT. THE SHIP HAD BEEN FITTING OUT AT HULUDAO SINCE ITS LAUNCH, EXCEPT FOR A SHAKE-DOWN CRUISE IN LATE NOVEMBER. THE TENDER DEPLOYED FROM HULUDAO \_\_\_\_\_ AND ARRIVED AT XIANGSHAN NAVAL BASE POSSIBLY AS EARLY AS \_\_\_\_\_ (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THIS VESSEL IS THE FOURTH INDIGENOUSLY DESIGNED CLASS OF SUBMARINE TENDER TO HAVE BEEN BUILT IN CHINA AND INDICATES THE CHINESE INTENTION TO INCREASE SUBMARINE PATROL AND TRAINING TIME BY REDUCING TIME SPENT IN PORT FOR MINOR REPAIRS. ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE LIBERATION ARMY DAILY ON 13 JANUARY, THE NEW SUBMARINE TENDER HAS SEVEN WORKSHOPS AND WILL PROVIDE A PLACE FOR SUBMARINERS TO HAVE SHORT REST PERIODS AT SEA. (SWN)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ COORDINATES 29-32-13N 121-46-17E (S)

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4. **COLLATERAL REFERENCE:** FBIS, DTG 130942Z JAN 85/JIEFANGJUN BAO NOTES SUBMARINE TENDER LAUNCH (U)

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